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1. A method for automated provision of legal documents, comprising the steps of:
maintaining a database of generic legal forms on a server;
receiving user information from a user over an electronic communications link and

10 packetizing said user information;

receiving payment for a legal document using at least a portion of the user information
received from the user;

rendering a personalized legal document for said user by selectively merging the
packetized user information into said selected generic legal form;

15 delivering said personalized legal document to said user in a secondary browser window
on said user's computer screen by RTF document export.

2. The method for automated provision of legal documents according to claim 1, wherein
said step of receiving user information from a user further comprises taking information specific
20 to a particular legal matter from an HTML questionnaire, and transferring said information from
the HTML questionnaire directly back to the server.

3. The method for automated provision of legal documents according to claim 2, wherein
said step of rendering a personalized legal document for said user further comprises a recursive

5 document assembly process that merges said information into a skeleton form document selected
in accordance with the particular legal matter.

4. The method for automated provision of legal documents according to claim 3, wherein
said recursive document assembly process further comprises combining said user packet of
10 information with the selected skeleton document line by line to create a completed document in
RTF format.

5. The method for automated provision of legal documents according to claim 4, wherein
relevant information from the HTML questionnaire is identified by meta-tags, and said meta-
15 tagged information is inserted line-by-line into the skeleton document to yield a personalized
document stored in an output file in RTF format.

6. A method of RTF document assembly, comprising the steps of:

maintaining a database of form documents;

20 requiring a user to complete an online HTML questionnaire with personalized
information;

merging the personalized information from said HTML questionnaire into the form
document by line-by-line writing selected information in RTF format into an output file;

securing payment authorization from said user;

5 outputting an HTML form to said user that contains a URL pointer to said RTF output
file;

 opening a secondary browser window upon user-selection of the pointer and displaying
said RTF document therein.

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7. A method of rendering a personalized legal document for a user, comprising the steps
of:

 maintaining a database of generic legal forms on a server;

 collecting information on said user's legal needs without requiring identification

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information from said user by requiring said user to complete a form and transmitting said
information over an electronic communications link;

 requiring an attorney to choose a suitable legal form from said database of generic legal
forms based on said collected information and while preserving anonymity of the user relative to
the lawyer;

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 rendering a personalized legal document for said user by selectively merging the user
information into said selected generic legal form;

 delivering said personalized legal document to said user in a secondary browser window
on said user's computer screen by RTF document export.